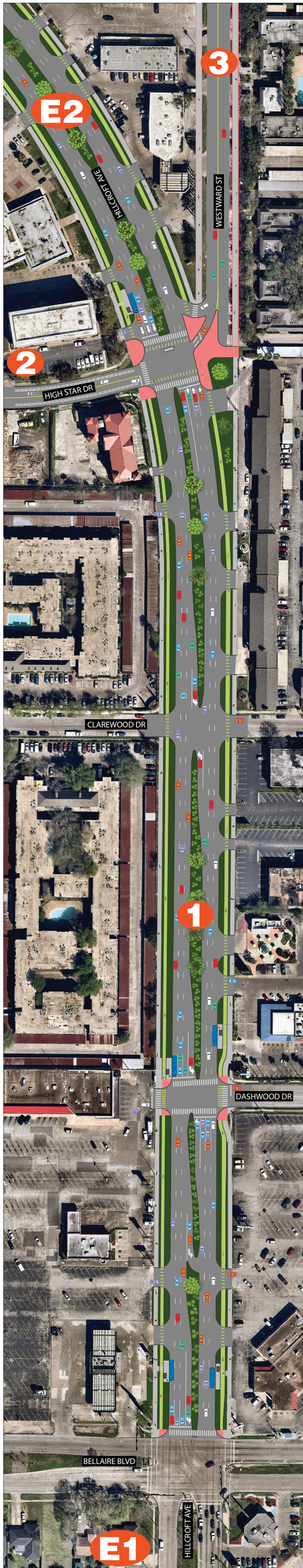
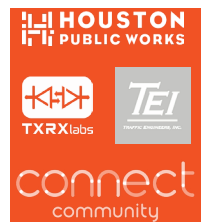


HILLCROFT AVENUE SAFETY ASSESSMENT

FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

AUGUST 23, 2019



PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. DESIGN HILLCROFT AVENUE AS GULFTON'S MAIN STREET

- Narrow Hillcroft Avenue from 8 vehicular lanes to 6 vehicular lanes with the addition of buffered bicycle lanes
- Install a traffic signal at Dashwood Drive
- Consolidate driveways where appropriate
- Optimize bus stop placement and spacing, and enhance stop accessibility, comfort, and amenities
- Enhance the pedestrian realm, including 8' sidewalks, improved lighting, and more trees for shade

2. CREATE HIGH STAR COMMUNITY PLAZA

- Redesign High Star Drive between Hillcroft Avenue and Baker-Ripley driveway into a Plaza space to complement adjacent land uses
- Prioritize comfort for people walking, bicycling and accessing the #9 Gulfton bus route along High Star Drive

3. WESTWARD STREET MULTIMODAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Restrict northbound access on Westward street from Hillcroft Avenue with the installation of raised medians
 - This may require further study to better understand impacts and to work with community members
- Construct 10' shared-use paths along both sides of Westward Street from Hillcroft Avenue to Gulfton Street

EXTENSION PROJECTS

Complementary projects to the Hillcroft Avenue Narrowing

E1. HILLCROFT AVENUE SOUTH

- Extend the Hillcroft Avenue bicycle facility south to connect the residential neighborhoods to the new proposed facilities north of Bellaire Boulevard
 - Connection via shared-use path along each side of Bellaire Boulevard or within the wide median
- Create a strong bicycle connection to Bayland Park and ultimately Braes Bayou

E2. HILLCROFT AVENUE NORTH

- Continue the narrower Hillcroft Avenue cross-section north to IH 59/US 59

FUTURE COMPLEMENTARY PROJECT IDEAS

- Enhancements to Dashwood Drive to align with Houston Bike Plan vision for shared on-street bicycle facility along the corridor and improve sidewalks for people walking
- Improved connections from Hillcroft Avenue project to all area schools
- Enhancements to Clarewood Drive